

## Spellings Week 4

The suffixes less and ly:

### The Suffix -ly

The suffix -ly usually describes how something is done or how something happens.

These words all end in the suffix -ly and the spelling of the root word has not changed...



**badly**



**lovely**



**slowly**



**quickly**

Can you air write the suffix '-ly' with your finger?

Can you write the suffix '-ly' with your finger on your table or the carpet?

### The Suffix -less

The suffix -less usually means there is less of something.

These words all end in the suffix -less and the spelling of the root word has not changed...



**hopeless**



**joyless**



**careless**



**fearless**

Can you air write the suffix '-less' with your finger?

Using your finger, can you write the suffix '-less' on the back of your hand?

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### Watch Out!

The root word doesn't always stay the same. To add a suffix to a word of more than one syllable ending in **-y** with a consonant before it, you change the 'y' to 'i' and add the suffix.

This happens in these words...

**happily**      **penniless**

happy + **ly** → happy~~y~~ → happily  
penny + **less** → penny~~y~~ → penniless

Using your finger, can you write the suffix '-less' or '-ly' on a partner's back. Can they guess which suffix you have written?

Here are your spellings to learn:

badly	joyless
slowly	careless
quickly	fearless
hopeless	penniless
lovely	happily

Ask a grown up to test you on each one.